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SUBJ: DUTCH INDUSTRIAL INTEREST IN XM-1 TANK

1. PETER HOLTHUIZEN OF DAF VAN DOORNE AUTOMOBIELFABRIEKEN), ONLY DUTCH MANUFACTURER OF TRUCKS, HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN APPROACHING CHRYSLER CORP WITH REGARD TO XM-1 TANK. HOLTHUIZEN HOPES TO VISIT CHRYSLER ABOUT FEBRUARY 16-18 AS REPRESENTATIVE OF NEWLY FORMED INDUSTRIAL GROUP COMPOSED OF DAF, HOLLANDSE SIGNAAL APPARATEN, RIJN SCHELDE VEROLME AND OUDE DELFT. INDUSTRIAL GROUP WAS CREATED TO ADVISE GON COMMITTEE WHICH IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING WHETHER TO REPLACE PRESENT INVENTORY OF CENTURION TANKS. ACCORDING TO HOLTHUIZEN, GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WILL PROBABLY RECOMMEND PURCHASE OF 350-500 REPLACEMENT WEAPONS WITH CO-PRODUCTION AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF ANY NETHERLANDS BUY. HOLTHUIZEN ALSO SAID THAT CO-PRODUCTION ALTERNATIVES ON THE LEOPARD II HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED WITH FRG PERSONNEL, BUT GON OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT

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EVALUATION OF US ALTERNATIVE (XM-1) IS POLITICALLY, MILITARILY, AND ECONOMICALLY DESIRABLE.

2. PURPOSE OF HOLTHUIZEN VISIT WILL BE TO DISCUSS CO-PRODUCTION POSSIBILITIES WITH APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVES OF CHRYSLER. HE CLAIMS THAT GON IS FULLY INFORMED ON PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT.

3. PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY WHETHER EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IS JUSTIFIED AND IF SO, NAMES OF CHRYSLER EXECUTIVES AND US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS (E.G. PROJECT MANAGER XM-1, WARREN, MICH.)
HOLTHUIZEN SHOULD CONTACT
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